

**TOMPKINS CONSOLIDATED AREA TRANSIT, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Thursday, March 26, 2009
4:00 PM TCAT Conference Room
737 Willow Avenue, Ithaca, NY

Attendees: D. Cogan, J. Dotson, H. Dullea, K. Luz Herrera, P. Mackesey,
R. McDaniel, F. Proto, N. Schuler, B. Wendt, J. Turcotte

S. Brock, R. Andrascik, J. Bratton, A. Eccleston, N. Oltz,
B. Stebbins, N. Tedesco, D. Tome, T. Wright, S. Persons/Recording Secretary

Also attended: George Eberhardt, Kevin Sutherland

Agenda

I. Call to Order

D. Cogan called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM, and welcomed everyone to the March 26, 2009 TCAT, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting.

II. Board Member Items

D. Cogan noted there will be a brief executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss proposed litigation.

III. Public Comment

George Eberhardt stated Titus Towers would like to thank Nicole, Joe, Nancy and Mike McLellan for walking into what they knew would be a hornet nest and staying until 4:30 talking to residents about problems.

IV. Approval of the minutes from February 26, 2009 meeting

The motion to approve the minutes from February 26, 2009 was made by P. Mackesey; seconded by B. Wendt. The motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

V. Chairperson's Report

D. Cogan reported P. Mackesey and he are continuing the sub-committee on other Municipal Contributions that was convened last year, and we have been talking to the town of Ithaca. They did contribute \$50,000 last year and they were interested in knowing what their fair share contribution would be. He suggested it be put on the next months executive committee meeting agenda to talk more about the specifics of how that might work if we did really want to get some additional contributions and what are some ways that we could make that happen.

VI. General Manager's Report

- Monthly Operating Report - J. Turcotte presented the Monthly Operating Report for February 2009. He reviewed the details of the Riders, Miles & Hours Statistics, Service

Changes & Special Events, Maintenance Statistics, Accidents & Other Incidents, Finance, Human Resources, Marketing Initiatives, & Customer Communications.

- N. Tedesco introduced Kevin Sutherland as the new intern; he is a master's degree candidate in public policy at Maxwell School in Syracuse.
- Transportation Development Plan Update – J. Turcotte stated we had the first round of informational sessions; we had six meetings at the library, up at Cornell, Village of Lansing, Town of Dryden, Titus Towers, and Varna. The TCAT team has been working hard and going through the 400 recommendations the public had given us and making changes. We are getting down to a plan that is pretty fine tuned and we are holding another series of public meetings in April with the same format at the library, Cornell, Titus Towers and Varna. The purpose of these meetings is more of TCAT giving a presentation on what our plan will be. After that we will have a public hearing at the start of our next Board Meeting to hold the public comment period, then we would like to hold a Special Board Meeting a week later to adopt the plan, so if there are major concerns brought up in the public hearing it gives us time to address those and then present the plan a week later.
- J. Turcotte reported we were fortunate to secure money through the stimulus funds through New York State Section 5311, which is the rural funding, Dwight and he had worked the previous couple weeks on that with the New York State Reps, we went into the ridership statistics and to NYSDOT's credit they were extremely generous in offering up the \$2.1 million which equates to six diesel buses. He thanked Dwight and the County for supporting us. He stated there is another part to the story, we said we needed sixteen buses, and so far through the stimulus funding we have been able to secure eight buses, the next round will be three more buses through the flex highway funds that Fernando and Dwight were successful in getting money transferred from the highway side into transit, so our goal now is five buses.

VII. Action Items from Staff

There were no action items.

VIII. Committee Reports

- **Executive Committee**

D. Cogan reported the Executive Committee met March 10, 2009 and discussed TDP, Van Pool, Federal Stimulus Funds and Annual Appropriations request.

- **Budget Committee**

H. Dullea reported that the Budget Committee met on March 19, 2009 and discussed February 2009 Revenue Expenditure Report, Cash Flow and Fuel Updates.

- **Transit Service Committee**

P. Mackesey reported that the Transit Service Committee met on March 23, 2009 and discussed the TDP, the Ithaca Festival, the draft procedure and policy for major requests for new service.

- **Human Resources Committee**

N. Schuler reported that the Human Resources Committee met on March 17, 2009 and discussed current staffing levels, recruiting efforts, and HR projects.

- **City Center Committee**

Reported the City Center Committee met on March 6, 2009 and discussed a construction schedule for the build-out of the space and revising the RFP for a café operator.

IX. Next meeting

D. Cogan announced the next meeting date is April 23, 2009 at 4:00 PM, and there will be a Special Board meeting on April 30th, 2009.

X. Attorney's Report

D. Cogan asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss proposed litigation. The motion was made by H. Dullea; seconded by B. Wendt. The motion passed. The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:10 PM. The Board arose from Executive Session at 5:12 PM. No action was taken.

XI. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by N. Schuler and seconded by J. Dotson. The meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM.